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✓In 1952 the "Vulkan" (Volcano) Cement Factory will be the largest of its kind in the Balkans.

The personnel of the "Vulkan" Factory, the largest cement factory in Bulgaria, attained considerable successes in the struggle for improving the quality and increasing the volume of its production. Today, the factory produces cement, for the needs of Bulgarian socialist construction, of a quality superior to that of world renowned cement factories. It is known that steel and cement form the basis of modern constructions.

The construction of the cement factory at Dimitrograd had to be completed in the briefest period of time.

✓Dimitrov's Bulgarian youth invested its lifeless body with their winged, youthful enthusiasm and its first furnace started burning in 1947.

The "Vulkan" Factory started operating.

The first loads of cement produced by the factory were dispatched to the construction projects in the country, but there was not a sufficient supply to satisfy all needs. The Five-Year Economic Plan assigned important tasks to the personnel of the new cement factory which was just starting operations. It had to produce great quantities of cement for the gigantic constructions of the "Stalin" Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant, the "Maritsa III" Steam-Heat

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and Electric Power Plant, the Asbestos Cement Plant and for the dams and housing projects. Rakovski, the backward village of the past, with the tiny railroad station must be transformed by the end of the Five-Year Plan into a new, completely modern socialist city.

✓ At the same time as the struggle for producing the large quantities of cement needed, the construction of the second furnace of the factory was progressing. The factory's structure was growing -- its second furnace began operations in 1948.

✓ The results of the strenuous struggle for high grade production soon appeared. In 1949 the factory's personnel fulfilled the plan by 114 percent; although it was in operation only a year the cement factory won the title of "National Winner Enterprise" and the transferable banner of the Council of Ministers.

The gray paper bags, stamped with the trademark of the factory, soon won the confidence of constructors.

✓ Despite the fact that the factory's production plan for 1951 is 19 percent larger than the plan for 1950, during the 9 September competition it was determined that by 1 September it was fulfilled by 105 percent, with a cement grade of 450.

What does grade 450 mean?

✓ It means, above all, that the young Bulgarian cement industry has won an enormous victory. It means that each cubic centimeter of concrete derived from the

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cement produced by the "Vulkan" Factory can withstand a load of 450 kilograms.

✓ Grade 450 means a victory over the notorious English Portland cement.

"With us," says the Party secretary for the factory, Comrade Decho Petrov, "concern for improving the quality of the cement never loses its intensity. On the contrary, we carry on a strenuous daily struggle for its improvement. Each shift and each brigade strive to put more skill into their work, try to achieve a more conscientious attitude towards their production tasks and to attain even better results. ✓ We have surpassed the previously attained grades of cement and at present our furnace operators turn out cement grades of 455, 460 and up to 470. | These are considerable new successes in the struggle for high grade production which help us to double our efforts and to maintain consistency in the work before us."

✓ Together with their struggle for improving the quality of production, the personnel of the "Vulkan" Factory are also striving hard to increase its volume. By the end of the Five-Year Plan, the fulfillment of which the factory's personnel has reduced to 3 years and 10 months, the volume of the factory's production will be increased by one-half in comparison with 1948. In 1952 the third furnace will also be completed, which will make the "Vulkan" Factory the largest cement fac-

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tory on the Balkan Peninsula -- with all the different operations of the production cycle fully mechanized.

In the constant struggle for high quality production, for safeguarding the honor of the factory's trademark and to increase production, a number of shifts and individual workers distinguished themselves. The factory is justified in its pride in them.

The brigade led by the young communist Gospodin Lekov is the winner of the transferrable banner of the factory for the first and the second quarters.

The pride and joy of the factory are the comrades, Donyu Ivanov, a member of the "Sukhi Melnitsi" (Dry Mills) Brigade, and the crane operator, Elena Ruseva. Ivan Paskalev, the excellent furnace operator at the clinker oven, regularly turns out products whose quality is 109.3 percent. Comrade Nedyalko Aleksandrov, proclaimed a shock workers 13 times, is the author of the valuable rationalization for recapturing the cement dust. A number of recommendations similar to the one submitted by Comrade Penyu Bonev, Nedyalko Aleksandrov, etc., have been submitted to the laboratory for rationalizations and inventions.

✓ During the second quarter of the current year the factory's personnel have already saved about 18 million leva for the national economy.

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